



**Congressman José E. Serrano**

Representing the Sixteenth District of New York

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### **Serrano Statement on Ackerman Retirement**

Washington, DC – Congressman José E. Serrano issued the following statement in the wake of Congressman Gary Ackerman’s announcement that he would retire:

“Gary Ackerman has been a friend and a colleague for many years and during all that time he has been a tireless advocate for the people of Queens and Long Island,” said Serrano. “His leadership on so many issues important to the people of his district, New York City and the nation have been invaluable. He was a defender of the poor, those with HIV/AIDS, students and others who did not always have a voice. He also led here in Congress on issues related to Israel and its future.

“If ever you needed a kind word, or a cheerful smile, Gary was your man. He showed us that with a sunny disposition and a friendly approach to life, you could get a lot more done than by being negative. He was a cherished member of the New York Congressional delegation and he will be missed.”

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*Congressman José E. Serrano has represented the Bronx in Congress since 1990.*